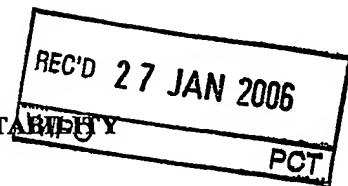


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain documents cited
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____ as originally filed/furnished
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets _____
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International application No.

PCT/KR2004/002542

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4	YES
	Claims	1,2,3,5	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4	YES
	Claims	1,2,3,5	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1: KR 2000-0038125

D2: JP 9-156848

D3: JP 54-106191

D4: JP 9-127859 (16 May 1997)

The present application does not satisfy the criteria set forth in Article 33(2) and (3) PCT because the subject matter of claims 1,2,3,5 is not new in respect of prior art as defined in the regulations (Rule 64(1)-(3) PCT) and/or the subject matter of claims 1,2,3,5 doesn't involve an inventive step (Rule 65(1)(2) PCT).

The purpose of this invention, automatic braille pointing, is the same as those of the inventions of the above documents.

The main components of the claims 1,2 and 3 of this invention such as a base body, receiving holes, braille sticks and electromagnetic parts are disclosed in all the above documents.

A guide axis moving left and right and related electromagnetic parts of the claims 1,2 and 3 in this invention are not shown in D1, D2, D3, but are disclosed in D4.

The detailed structure of recesses and corresponding rings is omitted in the claim 3 and thus does not make any difference, compared with the part # 3a and 3b of D4.

The peculiar part in this invention is a set of recesses curved slightly in the upper direction and curved rapidly in the lower direction and is written only in the claim 4 of this application.

The frequency signaling technique for electromagnetic parts is common knowledge in this art and thus the cassette tape related components of the claim 5 are not novel, either.